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Saugus Man Sentenced for Kidnapping 3-Year-Old Girl

A Saugus man was sentenced today to five years in state prison for kidnapping a 3-year-old girl from an apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On March 25, Ethan Odom, 37, pleaded no contest to one count of kidnapping a victim under 14 in case PA082778.

Deputy District Attorney Kathy Ta said on the evening of Jan. 8, Odom entered an alleyway and removed the window screen of a Newhall apartment where he grabbed the 3-year-old victim and left. An older child saw the kidnapping, called out for her father and the family called 911, according to the prosecutor.

The victim's father and uncle searched for the kidnapped girl and soon found her in the defendant's arms, the prosecutor added. Sheriff's deputies who had responded to the 911 call then recovered the young girl and arrested Odom.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.